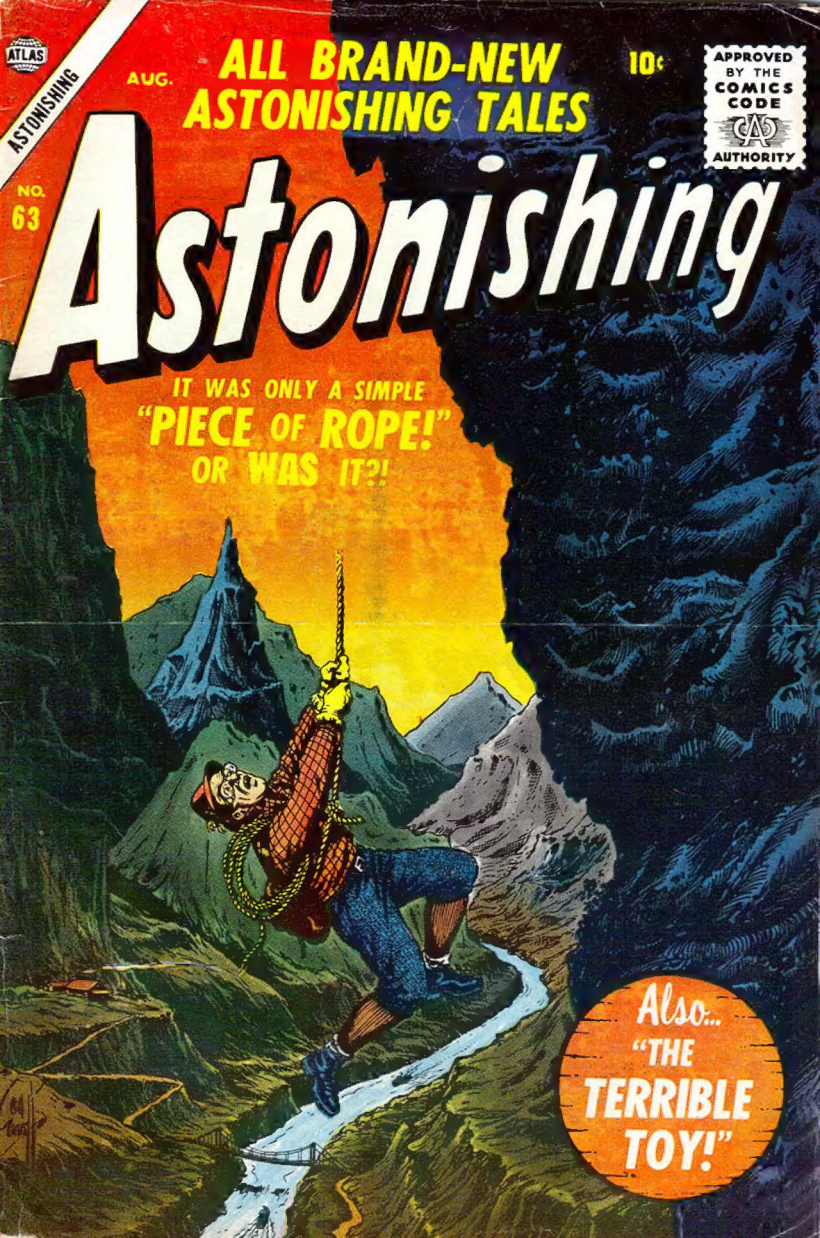
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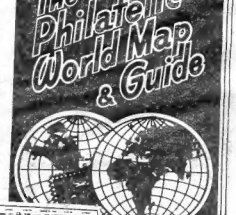

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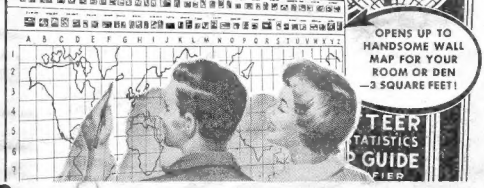

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LESTER BARNETT KNEW WHAT HE WANTED IN LIFE...A RICH WIFE! AND WHEN HE FOUND A GIRL THAT QUALIFIED HE ALSO FOUND HE HAD A RIVAL! THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THE NIGHT THAT LESTER TRIED TO DO AWAY WITH THAT RIVAL TURNED INTO A STARTLING STORY THAT WAS ANYTHING BUT...

A TENDER TALE OF LOVE

THE FORTUNE-HUNTING MR. LESTER BARNETT HAD WORKED JUST LONG ENOUGH TO SAVE A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHEREUPON HE QUIT HIS JOB, BOUGHT SOME GOOD CLOTHES, AND SET FORTH ON A CAMPAIGN TO WED A FORTUNE....

THE RENT WILL PROBABLY BE QUITE HIGH, BUT IT'S THE TYPE OF PLACE WHERE I MIGHT MEET A WEALTHY WOMAN! I JUST HOPE THE ONE I FIND ISN'T TOO HOMELY...!

MRS. FENLY'S ROOMING HOUSE
REFINED ATMOSPHERE
ROOM TO LET

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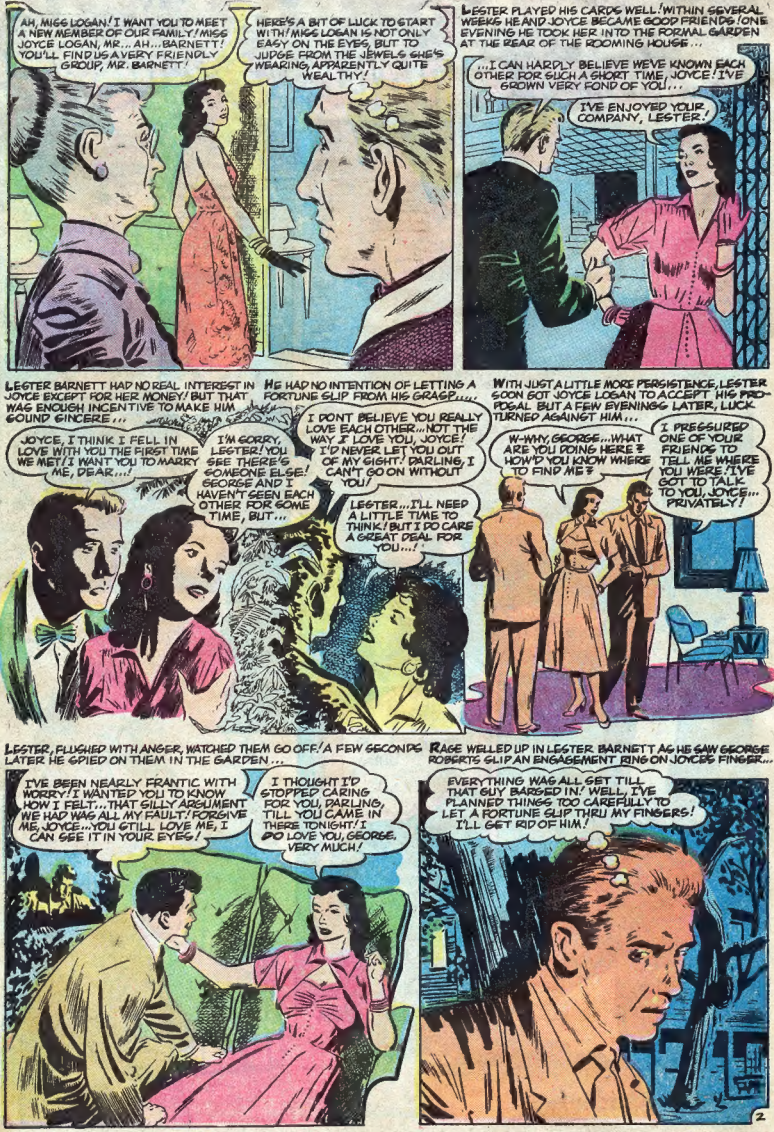
A VERY NICE ATMOSPHERE, MRS. FENLY... REFINED!

I'M VERY CAREFUL ABOUT RENTING MY ROOMS, MR. BARNETT! MY TENANTS ARE ALL LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! A SINGLE ROOM IS THIRTY DOLLARS-A-WEEK...!

THAT IS KIND OF STEEP, MRS. FENLY... BUT UNDOUBTEDLY WORTH IT! I'LL TAKE THE ROOM...

RICHARD DONGFF


AH, MISS LOGAN! I WANT YOU TO MEET A NEW MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY! MISS JOYCE LOGAN, MR... AH... BARNETT! YOU'LL FIND US A VERY FRIENDLY GROUP, MR. BARNETT!
HERE'S A BIT OF LUCK TO START WITH! MISS LOGAN IS NOT ONLY EASY ON THE EYES, BUT TO JUDGE FROM THE JEWELS SHE'S WEARING, APPARENTLY QUITE WEALTHY!
LESTER PLAYED HIS CARDS WELL! WITHIN SEVERAL WEEKS HE AND JOYCE BECAME GOOD FRIENDS! ONE EVENING HE TOOK HER INTO THE FORMAL GARDEN AT THE REAR OF THE ROOMING HOUSE...
...I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR SUCH A SHORT TIME, JOYCE! I'VE GROWN VERY FOND OF YOU...
I'VE ENJOYED YOUR COMPANY, LESTER!
LESTER BARNETT HAD NO REAL INTEREST IN JOYCE EXCEPT FOR HER MONEY! BUT THAT WAS ENOUGH INCENTIVE TO MAKE HIM SOUND SINCERE...
HE HAD NO INTENTION OF LETTING A FORTUNE SLIP FROM HIS GRASP....
WITH JUST A LITTLE MORE PERSISTENCE, LESTER SOON GOT JOYCE LOGAN TO ACCEPT HIS PROPOSAL BUT A FEW EVENINGS LATER, LUCK TURNED AGAINST HIM...
JOYCE, I THINK I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU THE FIRST TIME WE MET! I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME, DEAR...!
I'M SORRY, LESTER! YOU SEE THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE! GEORGE AND I HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER FOR SOME TIME, BUT...
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU REALLY LOVE EACH OTHER... NOT THE WAY I LOVE YOU, JOYCE! I'D NEVER LET YOU OUT OF MY SIGHT! DARLING, I CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT YOU!
LESTER... I'LL NEED A LITTLE TIME TO THINK! BUT I DO CARE A GREAT DEAL FOR YOU...!
W-WHY, GEORGE... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HOW'D YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME?
I PRESSURED ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS TO TELL ME WHERE YOU WERE! I'VE GOT TO TALK TO YOU, JOYCE... PRIVATELY!
LESTER, FLUSHED WITH ANGER, WATCHED THEM GO OFF! A FEW SECONDS LATER HE SPIED ON THEM IN THE GARDEN...
RAGE WELLED UP IN LESTER BARNETT AS HE SAW GEORGE ROBERTS SLIP AN ENGAGEMENT RING ON JOYCE'S FINGER...
I'VE BEEN NEARLY FRANTIC WITH WORRY! I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW I FELT... THAT SILLY ARGUMENT WE HAD WAS ALL MY FAULT! FORGIVE ME, JOYCE... YOU STILL LOVE ME, I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES!
I THOUGHT I'D STOPPED CARING FOR YOU, DARLING, TILL YOU CAME IN THERE TONIGHT! I DO LOVE YOU, GEORGE, VERY MUCH!
EVERYTHING WAS ALL SET TILL THAT GUY BARGED IN! WELL, I'VE PLANNED THINGS TOO CAREFULLY TO LET A FORTUNE SLIP THRU MY FINGERS! I'LL GET RID OF HIM!
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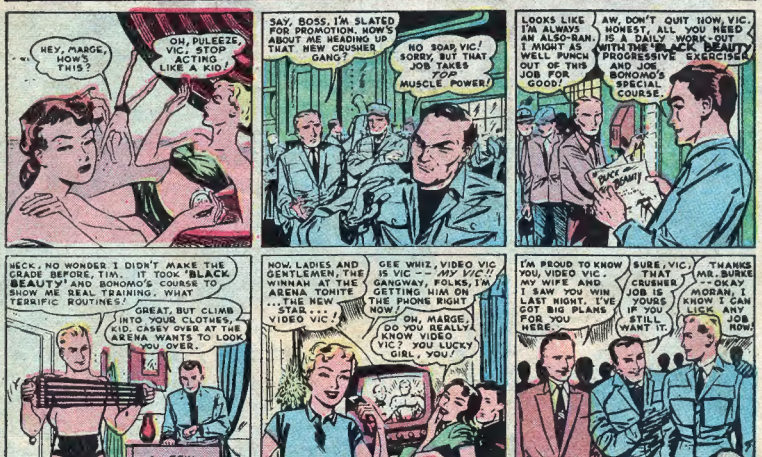
GEORGE ROBERTS STAYED LATER THAN HE'D REALIZED, AND RATHER THAN DRIVE TO HIS HOME A HUNDRED MILES AWAY, HE SPOKE TO MRS. FENLY, THE LANDLADY...
WHY, OF COURSE I CAN PUT YOU UP FOR THE NIGHT, MR. ROBERTS! ROOM NINE, ON THE SECOND FLOOR, IS UNOCCUPIED! AND I DO WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU! MIGG LOGAN TOLD ME THE WONDERFUL NEWS!
GO GEORGE IS GOING TO STAY THE NIGHT! VERY CONVENIENT... FOR ME!
LESTER WAITED UNTIL 2 A.M. BEFORE HE SLIPPED WITH CATLIKE STEALTH INTO ROOM 9...
IT'LL BE QUICK AND QUIET! I'LL BE BACK IN MY ROOM, ASLEEP, AND IN THE MORNING I'LL BE AS SHOCKED AS THE OTHERS WHEN THEY FIND HIM!
A MOMENT LATER AN EERIE THING HAPPENED! A CHAIR, OF ITS OWN POWER, SLID SILENTLY ACROSS THE FLOOR, DIRECTLY IN LESTER'S PATH...
UGH!
HE MUST BE HARD OF HEARING! I COULD'VE SWORN THAT CHAIR MOVED IN FRONT OF ME... MUST BE NERVES!
THE FRUSTRATED FORTUNE-HUNTER TOOK A GOOD GRIP ON THE CHAIR, WENT AROUND THE BED TO THE SIDE WHERE HIS UNINTENDED VICTIM SLEPT, THEN BROUGHT IT DOWN WITH ALL HIS MIGHT...
GEORGE ROBERTS JUST SEEMED TO MELT AWAY TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BED, SLEEPING PEACEFULLY! THE BED STARTED TO GLIDE NOISELESSLY ACROSS THE ROOM...
I KNOW I'M NOT IMAGINING IT THIS TIME! I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE UP NOW!
LESTER'S DESPERATION WAS MIXED WITH FEAR, BUT HE THOUGHT ONLY OF JOYCE'S MONEY, AND KNEW THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY...
YOU'VE BEEN TRYING SO HARD, MR. BARNETT! WHAT A PITY...! JOYCE TOLD ME YOU WERE MY RIVAL...!
MY HANDS... RIGHT THROUGH HIS NECK! Y-YOU'RE NOT ALIVE! YOU'RE A GHOST! (GASP!)

K-KEEP HIM AWAY FROM ME! HELP! DON'T LET HIM GET ME!
YOU WANTED ME DEAD, BARNETT! WELL, I AM DEAD...!
SOON EVERY ROOMER REACHED THE SECOND FLOOR AND STOOD FROZEN WITH FEAR AT THE STRANGELY DISTURBING SIGHT...
HOLD HIM BACK! GIVE ME A CHANCE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
THE FRONT DOOR WOULDN'T OPEN! LESTER TRIED TO SMASH HIS WAY OUT THRU A WINDOW, BUT THE GLASS WOULDN'T BREAK...
STOP HIM! PLEASE, G-GRAB HIM, SOMEBODY!
HERE! HERE! WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY HOUSE?
THAT'S RIGHT... HOLD HIM! HE WON'T HURT YOU... IT'S ME HE'S AFTER!
GEORGE, PLEASE! LESTER DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME! I JUST WANTED TO MAKE YOU JEALOUS! YOU KNOW I'M GOING TO MARRY YOU, DARLING!
GEORGE ROBERTS BECAME VERY CALM, AND LESTER STAGGERED TO A CHAIR! HE WAS STILL UNWILLING, DESPITE HIS FRIGHT, TO GIVE UP A FORTUNE.....
B-BUT YOU CAN'T MARRY HIM, JOYCE! HE'S A GHOST!
OH, IS THAT WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT?
BUT DIDN'T YOU KNOW ABOUT US AND ABOUT THIS HOUSE?
IN A MOMENT THEY WERE ALL GONE! AND AT ONCE THE HOUSE ASSUMED AN AIR OF DECAY, THICK WITH DUST...
THEY... (CHOKE!) WERE ALL GHOSTS!
THE END

How 'BLACK BEAUTY' TURNS AN ALSO-RAN into "VIDEO VIC!"


HEY, MARGE, HOW'S THIS?
OH, PULEEZE, C. STOP ACTING LIKE A KID!
SAY, BOSS, I'M SLATED FOR PROMOTION. HOW'S ABOUT ME HEADING UP THAT NEW CRUSHER GANG?
NO SOAP, VIC! SORRY, BUT THAT JOB TAKES TOP MUSCLE POWER!
LOOKS LIKE I'M ALWAYS AN ALSO-RAN. I MIGHT AS WELL PUNCH OUT OF THIS JOB FOR GOOD!
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HECK, NO WONDER I DIDN'T MAKE THE GRADE BEFORE, TIM. IT TOOK "BLACK BEAUTY" AND BONOMO'S COURSE TO SHOW ME REAL TRAINING. WHAT TERRIFIC ROUTINES!
GREAT, BUT CLIMB INTO YOUR CLOTHES, KID. CASEY OVER AT THE ARENA WANTS TO LOOK YOU OVER.
A FEW WEEKS LATER
NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE WINNAH AT THE ARENA TONITE ... THE NEW STAR ... VIDEO VIC!
GEE WHIZ, VIDEO VIC IS VIC IN MY VIC!! GANGWAY, FOLKS, I'M GETTING HIM ON THE PHONE RIGHT NOW!
OH, MARGE, DO YOU REALLY KNOW VIDEO VIC? YOU LUCKY GIRL, YOU!
I'M PROUD TO KNOW YOU, VIDEO VIC. MY WIFE AND I SAW YOU WIN LAST NIGHT. I'VE GOT BIG PLANS FOR YOU HERE.
SURE, VIC. THAT CRUSHER JOB IS YOURS IF YOU STILL WANT IT.
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IT BEGAN WHEN WORD WAS BROUGHT TO THE FOUNDATION THAT CALVIN BART, A FELLOW SCIENTIST HAD BEEN KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT! IT BEGAN, AS I SAY, WITH THIS NEWS AND WITH A REQUEST FROM THE FOUNDATION HEAD...

SOMEONE MUST GO OVER CALVIN'S PAPERS! I'VE CHOSEN YOU, JOHN, BECAUSE HE WORKED IN YOUR PARTICULAR FIELD!

I DIDN'T RELISH THE JOB AND DECIDED TO GET IT OVER WITH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE! CONSEQUENTLY, I RETURNED TO THE LAB AFTER DINNER...

THIS LOOKS LIKE ABOUT ALL OF IT! I'LL CHECK THE ROOM HE LIVED IN TOMORROW, BUT I DON'T EXPECT TO FIND ANYTHING! HE PRACTICALLY LIVED HERE!

AFTER A WHILE I TOOK A BREAK, SMOKED A PIPEFUL AND THOUGHT ABOUT CALVIN BART!

POOR FELLOW NEVER SEEMED TO GET ANYWHERE! HIS BASIC CANCER CURE THEORY BY THE USE OF ANILINE DYES SEEMED REALLY BIG... HE NEVER SEEMED TO ADVANCE WITH IT...

I REMEMBERED A CONVERSATION I HAD WITH HIM JUST A FEW DAYS AGO...

HOW IS IT COMING?

VERY WELL! I'M REFINING AND RETESTING THE COBALT ELEMENT!

I THOUGHT YOU'D DONE THAT A YEAR AGO?

OH, I DID! THIS IS MY FIFTEENTH TEST AND REFINING PROCESS! NO SENSE OF RUSHING, YOU KNOW! LOTS OF TIME!

THINKING OF THIS, I WALKED BACK TO THE DESK! AS I SAT DOWN, MY KNEE JOLTED AGAINST THE SIDE... AND A HIDDEN DOOR IN THE DESK FLEW OPEN...

MY KNEE MUST HAVE HIT SOME KIND OF LEVER THAT OPENED IT! LOOKS LIKE THIS HASN'T BEEN OPENED FOR AGES! THE NOTEBOOK SEEMS VERY OLD TOO!

THESE EQUATIONS... BRILLIANT! AND SIGNED BY THE GREAT SCIENTIST OF A GENERATION AGO... THE GENIUS WHO DISAPPEARED... DR. BARTON CALVIN! BUT WAIT... THIS HANDWRITING... IT'S CALVIN BART'S!

BUT, NO... IT ***COULDN'T*** BE! BARTON CALVIN WOULD BE ABOUT A HUNDRED AND FORTY YEARS OLD... CAL WAS ONLY FORTY! BESIDES, BARTON CALVIN WAS ONE OF THE TRULY GREAT MINDS OF ALL TIME AND ***CAL*** NEVER GOT ANYTHING DONE! YET... THE WRITING... THE NAMES...

Barton Calvin

QUICKLY I SCANNED THE NOTEBOOK! IN THE MIDDLE I CAME TO BARTON CALVIN'S PERSONAL NOTES... AND THERE WAS THE INCREDIBLE STORY!

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FASCINATED, I READ ON, FIRST WITH DOUBT, BUT, AS THE NIGHT WORE AWAY I BECAME CONVINCED THAT ALL THIS WAS TRUE!

HE SAYS DR. MORRIS AND THE OTHER GREAT MEN HE REJUVENATED ARE IN SOUTH AMERICA, DEEP IN THE JUNGLE, WORKING ON IMPORTANT PROJECTS! I MUST GO THERE... I MUST SEE THIS WITH MY OWN EYES... THERE'S A MAP IN THE NOTEBOOK...

I FLEW TO SOUTH AMERICA! ON THE PLANE MY MIND WAS FILLED WITH THE STORY THE NOTEBOOK TOLD!

CAL DIDN'T LOOK A DAY OVER FORTY, YET HE WAS MORE THAN A HUNDRED AND FORTY YEARS OLD! BARTON CALVIN, THE GREAT MAN OF SCIENCE... WORKING WITH HIM AND I NEVER KNEW...

USING THE MAP FOR A GUIDE, I ENTERED THE JUNGLE AND BY DUGOUT CANOE PADDLED DOWN THE AMAZON!

REJUVENATION! THE GREATEST BOON MANKIND COULD HAVE! THE DREAM OF MAN THROUGHOUT THE AGES!

FIVE DAYS BROUGHT ME TO DR. MORRIS' HOME IN THE JUNGLE, A HUGE, RAMBLING STRUCTURE SURROUNDED BY HIGH WALLS!

DR. DANE MORRIS?

WHY, YES! HOW DID YOU FIND ME? AH, BUT THAT CAN WAIT! COME IN! WE HAVEN'T HAD A VISITOR IN OVER... MANY YEARS!

I CAME RIGHT TO THE POINT! I TOLD HIM ABOUT THE NOTEBOOK AND WHAT I'D LEARNED!

DOCTOR, YOU MUST GIVE YOUR GREAT DISCOVERY TO THE WORLD! DON'T YOU SEE WHAT IT CAN DO? WITH MANY LIFETIMES INSTEAD OF JUST ONE, MAN WILL ACCOMPLISH UNDREAMED OF THINGS!

SO I THOUGHT TOO, PROFESSOR! BUT INSTEAD REJUVENATION IS A MISERABLE FAILURE! A MONSTER I HAVE EVOKED THAT CAN LEAD TO NOTHING BUT STANDSTILL, THE DEATH OF EVERY DREAM OF MANKIND! COME WITH ME... I WILL SHOW YOU!

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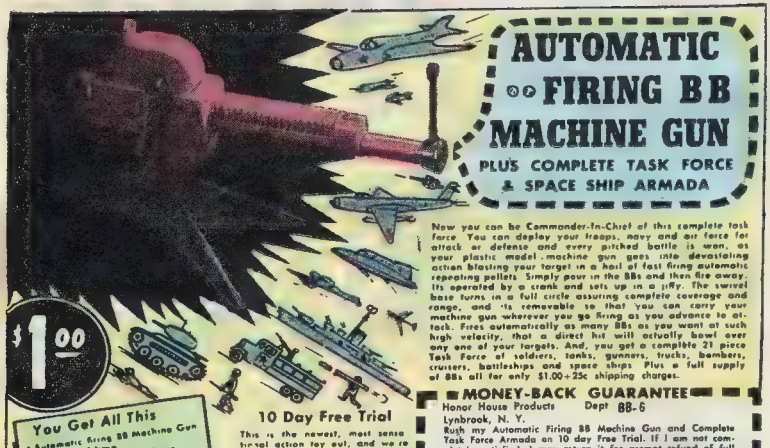

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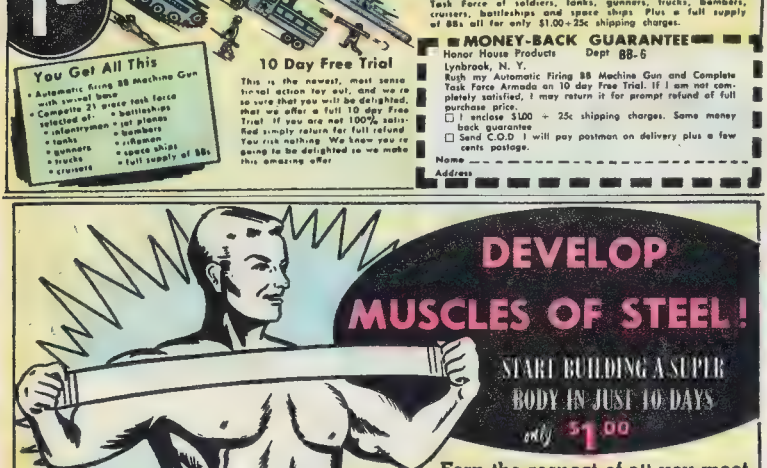

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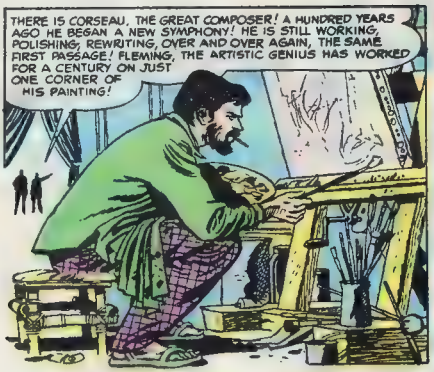
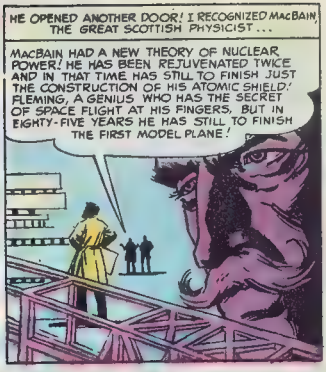
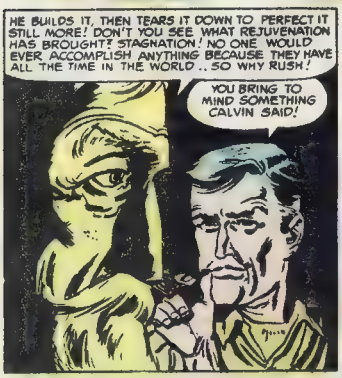
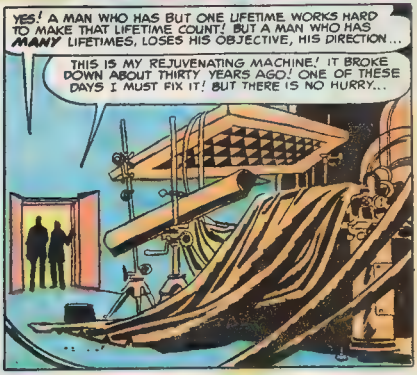
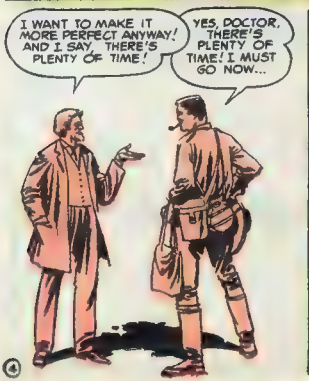
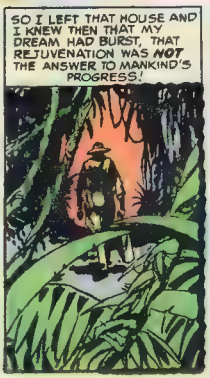

THERE IS CORSEAU, THE GREAT COMPOSER! A HUNDRED YEARS AGO HE BEGAN A NEW SYMPHONY! HE IS STILL WORKING, POLISHING, REWRITING, OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THE SAME FIRST PASSAGE! FLEMING, THE ARTISTIC GENIUS HAS WORKED FOR A CENTURY ON JUST ONE CORNER OF HIS PAINTING!

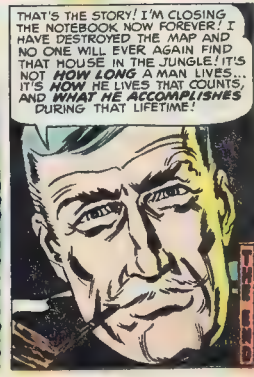

HE OPENED ANOTHER DOOR! I RECOGNIZED MacBAIN, THE GREAT SCOTTISH PHYSICIST...
MacBAIN HAD A NEW THEORY OF NUCLEAR POWER! HE HAS BEEN REJUVENATED TWICE AND IN THAT TIME HAS STILL TO FINISH JUST THE CONSTRUCTION OF HIS ATOMIC SHIELD.' FLEMING, A GENIUS WHO HAS THE SECRET OF SPACE FLIGHT AT HIS FINGERS, BUT IN EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS HE HAS STILL TO FINISH THE FIRST MODEL PLANE!


HE BUILDS IT, THEN TEARS IT DOWN TO PERFECT IT STILL MORE! DON'T YOU SEE WHAT REJUVENATION HAS BROUGHT? STAGNATION! NO ONE WOULD EVER ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD..SO WHY RUSH!
YOU BRING TO MIND SOMETHING CALVIN SAID!


YES! A MAN WHO HAS BUT ONE LIFETIME WORKS HARD TO MAKE THAT LIFETIME COUNT! BUT A MAN WHO HAS *MANY* LIFETIMES, LOSES HIS OBJECTIVE, HIS DIRECTION...
THIS IS MY REJUVENATING MACHINE! IT BROKE DOWN ABOUT THIRTY YEARS AGO! ONE OF THESE DAYS I MUST FIX IT! BUT THERE IS NO HURRY...


I WANT TO MAKE IT MORE PERFECT ANYWAY! AND I SAY, THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME!
YES, DOCTOR, THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME! I MUST GO NOW...


SO I LEFT THAT HOUSE AND I KNEW THEN THAT MY DREAM HAD BURST, THAT REJUVENATION WAS *NOT* THE ANSWER TO MANKIND'S PROGRESS!

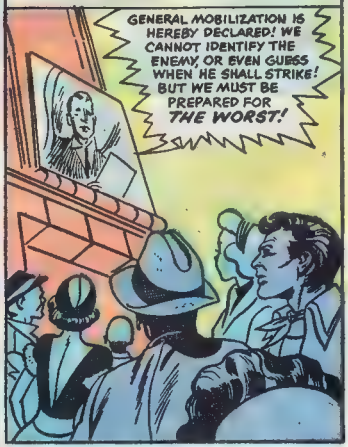

THAT'S THE STORY! I'M CLOSING THE NOTEBOOK NOW FOREVER! I HAVE DESTROYED THE MAP AND NO ONE WILL EVER AGAIN FIND THAT HOUSE IN THE JUNGLE! IT'S NOT ***HOW LONG*** A MAN LIVES... IT'S ***HOW*** HE LIVES THAT COUNTS, AND ***WHAT HE ACCOMPLISHES*** DURING THAT LIFETIME!

FEAR WAS LIKE A BLACK SHROUD LYING EVERYWHERE OVER THE EARTH! AND THEN DOWN FROM THE SKY CAME HURTLING...

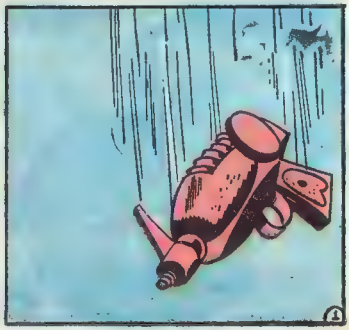
THE TERRIBLE TOY!

2143 A.D.! FOR MONTHS NOW THE INEXPLICABLE FLASHES HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN THE SKY! AS THIS WAS AN EXPERIENCE NEW TO MANKIND, A PHENOMENON THAT REMAINED STUBBORNLY UNFATHOMABLE DESPITE THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF ALL SCIENTISTS TO FIND SOME SOOTHING EXPLANATION, FEAR SPREAD EVERYWHERE!
PLANE TO TOWER! THIS IS AS HIGH AS I CAN CLIMB! NOTHING TO SEE UP HERE BUT THOSE FLASHES! ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!
BOB FORBOS
MJH

JOLTED OFF ITS PINNACLE MANKIND WAS FORCED TO ADMIT THAT THERE WERE THINGS BEYOND ITS KEN! IT WAS THIS ADMISSION OF FRAILTY THAT MADE THEM FEEL SO ENDANGERED ... BY SOME SHAPELESS ENEMY!


GENERAL MOBILIZATION IS HEREBY DECLARED! WE CANNOT IDENTIFY THE ENEMY, OR EVEN GUESS WHEN HE SHALL STRIKE! BUT WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST!

WITH MILLIONS OF EYES TRAINED ANXIOUSLY UPWARD AGAINST THE COMING OF THE UNKNOWN ENEMY, IT WAS BY MEREST CHANCE THAT THE SMALL METALLIC OBJECT RESEMBLING A TOY PISTOL FELL UNOBSERVED FROM THE SKY!



IT LANDED WITHOUT SHATTERING AMONG SOME SHRUBS AND FOR THREE TENSION-TAUT DAYS IT LAY THERE, UNNOTICED! BUT ON THE FOURTH DAY...

HEY, SOMEBODY DROPPED A TOY GUN!

HE WAS AN AVERAGE BOY, AND LIKE ALL BOYS, EVEN IN THIS ADVANCED ERA, REVELED IN THE LEGENDS OF THE ANCIENT WILD WEST! AND SO...

YOU'VE RUSTLED YOUR LAST HERD, DEAD EYE! BANG! BANG!

HEY?! I-I JUST AIMED AT MY BIKE... PULLED THE TRIGGER... AND NOW THERE ARE *TWO* BIKES!

G-GOSH! WHAT A TOY *THIS* IS! WONDER IF IT WORKS ALL THE TIME?... I'LL TRY IT ON MY BASEBALL MITT!

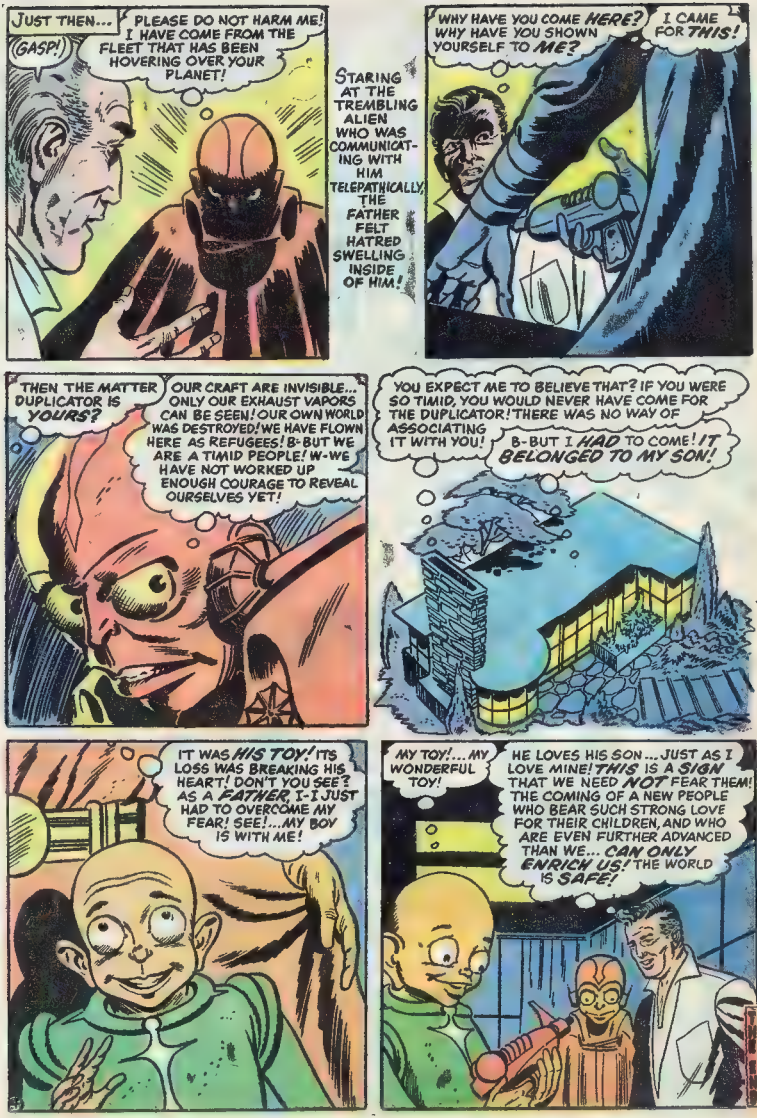
A SPLIT-SECOND LATER...

WOWIE!

THE WONDERS REVEALED TO THE BOY WERE MADE EVEN *MORE* WONDROUS BY THE FACT THAT *NOBODY ELSE KNEW!*

YOU'RE MY SECRET! NO, SIREE, I'M NOT TELLIN' ANYBODY ABOUT *YOU!*

BUT THAT EVENING, SEEING HIS FATHER WHO WAS A HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, CAREWORN NOW AND DEPRESSED BECAUSE OF THE FEAR THAT LAY OVER THE EARTH...
MAYBE IF I TOLD DAD MY SECRET, IT'D MAKE HIM FEEL BETTER!
SEE THIS TOY, DAD? ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS POINT IT AT SOMETHIN', PULL THE TRIGGER, AND QUICK AS A WINK, YOU HAVE TWO THINGS INSTEAD OF JUST ONE!
PLEASE, SON! I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR...
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, HUH? WELL, WATCH YOUR PIPE!
(GASP!)
THIS IS TERRIBLE! I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAME BY IT, OR WHO MADE IT... BUT IT'S THE FIRST MATTER DUPLICATOR! GIVING SOMETHING LIKE THIS WIDE DISTRIBUTION, WOULD BE LIKE THROWING A MONKEY WRENCH INTO THE WHOLE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM! IT MUST BE DESTROYED!
NO, DAD! IT'S (SOB!) NOT FAIR! IT'S MINE! PLEASE DON'T TAKE IT AWAY!
YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND! BUT DON'T CRY! I GIVE YOU MY WORD... I WON'T DO ANYTHING TONIGHT! BUT LEAVE IT WITH ME, SON, AND IN THE MORNING, WE'LL DECIDE TOGETHER WHAT MUST BE DONE!
IT WAS PAST MIDNIGHT NOW...
AS IF THE WORLD DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT NOWADAYS! I WAS TOO SOFT... I LET MY LOVE FOR MY SON BLIND ME... I SHOULD HAVE DESTROYED HIS TERRIBLE TOY IMMEDIATELY!


JUST THEN...
(GASP!)
PLEASE DO NOT HARM ME! I HAVE COME FROM THE FLEET THAT HAS BEEN HOVERING OVER YOUR PLANET!
STARING AT THE TREMBLING ALIEN WHO WAS COMMUNICATING WITH HIM TELEPATHICALLY, THE FATHER FELT HATRED SWELLING INSIDE OF HIM!
WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE? WHY HAVE YOU SHOWN YOURSELF TO ME?
I CAME FOR THIS!
THEN THE MATTER DUPLICATOR IS YOURS?
OUR CRAFT ARE INVISIBLE... ONLY OUR EXHAUST VAPORS CAN BE SEEN! OUR OWN WORLD WAS DESTROYED! WE HAVE FLOWN HERE AS REFUGEES! B-BUT WE ARE A TIMID PEOPLE! W-WE HAVE NOT WORKED UP ENOUGH COURAGE TO REVEAL OURSELVES YET!
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT? IF YOU WERE SO TIMID, YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE COME FOR THE DUPLICATOR! THERE WAS NO WAY OF ASSOCIATING IT WITH YOU!
B-BUT I HAD TO COME! IT BELONGED TO MY SON!
IT WAS HIS TOY! ITS LOSS WAS BREAKING HIS HEART! DON'T YOU SEE? AS A FATHER, I-I JUST HAD TO OVERCOME MY FEAR! SEE!...MY BOY IS WITH ME!
MY TOY!...MY WONDERFUL TOY!
HE LOVES HIS SON... JUST AS I LOVE MINE! THIS IS A SIGN THAT WE NEED NOT FEAR THEM! THE COMING OF A NEW PEOPLE WHO BEAR SUCH STRONG LOVE FOR THEIR CHILDREN, AND WHO ARE EVEN FURTHER ADVANCED THAN WE... CAN ONLY ENRICH US! THE WORLD IS SAFE!

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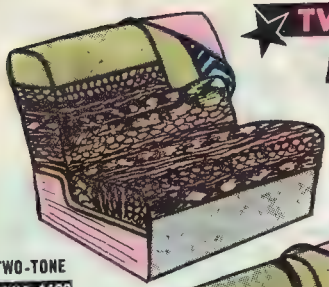

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THE ROOM THAT WASN'T THERE

CHUCK CHANDLER'S DAY STARTED AS ALL OTHER DAYS! HE AWOKE AT THE USUAL TIME, AND PREPARED FOR THE RITUAL OF SHAVING WHEN HE CASUALLY GLANCED INTO THE MIRROR! WHAT HE SAW MADE HIM FREEZE WITH DISMAY!
THAT... THAT'S *NOT* MY REFLECTION NOR IS IT *MY* ROOM!
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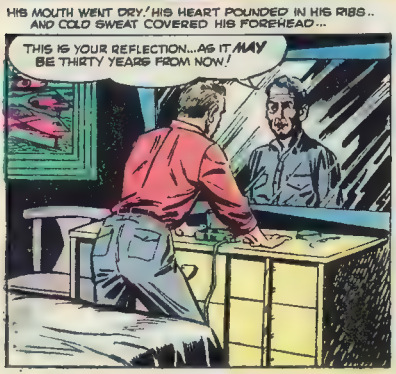
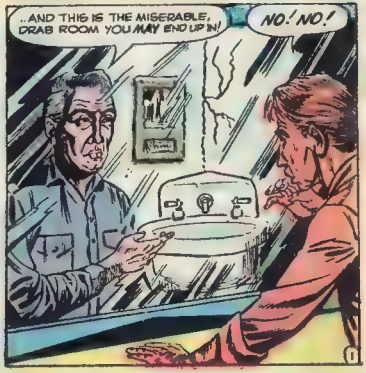
DAN ARKIN


HIS MOUTH WENT DRY! HIS HEART POUNDED IN HIS RIBS.. AND COLD SWEAT COVERED HIS FOREHEAD...
THIS IS YOUR REFLECTION...AS IT *MAY* BE THIRTY YEARS FROM NOW!



SUDDENLY THE STRANGE REFLECTION WAS GONE AND CHUCK SAW HIS OWN FACE AS IT WAS AND HIS OWN ROOM IN THE REFLECTION ...

IT...IT'S GONE!

HE STUMBLED TO A CHAIR AND SAT THERE FOR A FULL HOUR. HE SHIVERED THOUGH IT WAS A WARM DAY...

NO! NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW COULD I HAVE SEEN..

THE VEINS IN HIS FOREHEAD THROBBED AND A HUNDRED THOUGHTS SWAM IN HIS MIND...

NO! I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN! I'M *NOT* GOING TO END UP THAT WAY!

SURE I CAN CONTROL MY FATE. IF I COULD ACCUMULATE ENOUGH MONEY AND PUT IT ASIDE, I WON'T END UP THAT WAY IN MY OLD AGE! SO I'VE GOT TO GET MONEY! LOTS OF MONEY..

...AND I'VE GOT TO GET IT *FAST!*

CHUCK CHANDLER PLACED THE GUN IN HIS POCKET AND STROLLED TOWARD THE NEAREST BANK. HE WAS KEYED UP EMOTIONALLY, BUT NOT WITH ANY FEELINGS OF GUILT ABOUT A CRIME HE WAS ABOUT TO COMMIT, BUT RATHER THE EMOTIONS OF A CRUSADER WHO WAS OUT TO TRICK FATE...BUT ALREADY HE HAD MADE THE *WRONG* DECISION...

GOOD... NOT MANY PEOPLE AROUND!

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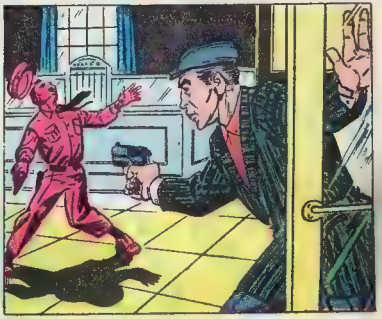
MEN'S SHOP

OUTWARDLY HE WAS CALM, BUT INWARDLY, HIS HEART BEAT FASTER AND THE PALMS OF HIS HANDS SWEATED AS HE WALKED INTO THE BANK AND HANDED A NOTE AND A PAPER BAG TO THE NEAREST TELLER...

THIS IS A STICKUP! PUT ALL THE MONEY YOU CAN IN THE BAG! I'VE GOT A GUN POINTED AT YOU!

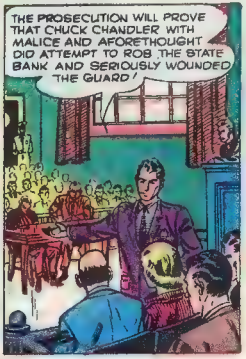
THE TELLER TOUCHED A BUTTON WITH HIS FOOT AND THE WHOLE BANK WAS ENVELOPED WITH THE CLANGING OF THE ALARM ! CHUCK PANICKED HIS ONLY THOUGHT WAS ESCAPE ..

AS CHUCK REACHED THE ENTRANCE HE TURNED LONG ENOUGH TO TAKE A SHOT AT THE GUARD THE BULLET FOUND ITS MARK AND THE UNIFORMED MAN SLUMPED TO THE FLOOR, BADLY WOUNDED



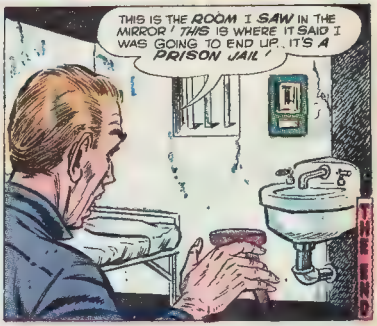
IMMEDIATELY ON LEAVING THE BANK AND RUNNING WILDLY, CHUCK WENT HEADLONG INTO A POLICEMAN WHO QUICKLY DISARMED HIM.

HIS TRIAL CAME QUICKLY...


THE PROSECUTION WILL PROVE THAT CHUCK CHANDLER WITH MALICE AND AFORETHOUGHT DID ATTEMPT TO ROB THE STATE BANK AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED THE GUARD !

IT WAS A BRIEF TRIAL AND WITH A JUST SENTENCE ..

CHUCK CHANDLER WAS TAKEN TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY



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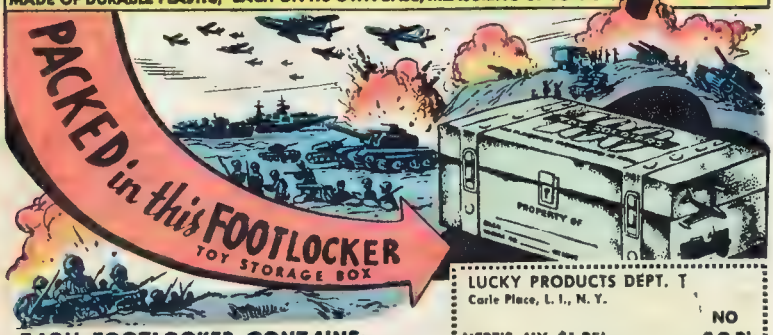

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ZEKE, THE WONDER

THE theater was never as filled as it used to be, Percy Potts admitted sadly. He owned Brookside's big showplace, but he wasn't proud of it any more. And so he got together with his manager one afternoon, and between the two of them they didn't come up with one good idea, until . . .

"Say, Percy," said Hereford Ainsley, the manager. He rubbed his pointed chin thoughtfully. "I just had a letter from my brother who lives in Frizzleburg. He was supposed to come with the wife and kids for a visit, but now he can't get away. He works on the local newspaper and says it's impossible to leave Frizzleburg now. They've been selling papers like mad lately. Seems there's some yokel in the news that everyone wants to read about."

"Who's that?" Percy Potts yawned unhappily. It was just like his manager to change the subject about the theater losing money.

"The guy everyone wants to know about is a simple handyman no one ever gave much thought about. He was an awfully shy guy, you see. Then one day, my brother struck up a conversation with him about the weather and how it looked nice and sunny. 'Gonna rain in an hour'. Zeke, this handyman says to him. And it did! Now what do you make of that?"

Percy nibbled a chocolate bar and showed not the least interest in anything but nuts. It was a chocolate bar with nuts, and it was a big job for him to get the nuts out as he didn't like chocolate.

"There's nothing to make of it," Percy said with annoyance. "The old guy probably read the weather report that day, that's all."

"You're wrong!" shouted Hereford with a little too much enthusiasm to suit Percy. "The weather report that day happened to be incorrect. What's more, Zeke was able to fix the exact time of the rain, but that wasn't all. An hour later when it began to pour and my brother ran back to find Zeke, do you know what the guy said to him? He said, 'Mr. Ainsley, there's a car stuck in the mud a mile down the road, and I think I ought to go down and help the guy'."

"Charitable fellow," Percy admitted in a bored way.

"Don't you see," cried Hereford. "Zeke had no way of knowing that man was stuck in the mud. No one *told* him. I tell you, Percy, this guy can predict things that no one else knows about. He's amazing!"

"I wish he'd predict how much longer we'll be able to stay in the theater business at the rate we've been going," Percy said gloomily. "The last time we had a full house was when the candy store closed down and the kids paid the price of a theater ticket just to buy candy bars in the lobby. They didn't even stay for the show!"

"If we sign up a guy like Zeke as a performer for the theater," Hereford said excitedly, "we'll be able to pack 'em in! Zeke will be a national sensation in no time at all, if we don't get busy. But now he's still just a simple guy who doesn't know how valuable his talent can be for him . . . not yet, anyway. Imagine, Percy, here's a fellow who knows what's going on when he isn't even there!"

"I like a guy more unusual than that . . . the fellow who knows what's going on when he *is* there," Percy insisted sarcastically. He thought Hereford would take the hint and realize that he was being insulted.

But Percy finally had to admit that Hereford might have a point. And so that night they packed their suitcases and drove to Frizzleburg. Hereford's brother greeted them excitedly.

"You don't know what's been going on here! People are coming in for miles around to see Zeke, the wonder. Only today, I took him out to the airport. One of the planes was an hour off schedule and he was able to tell us which one! The authorities were amazed, believe me."

"What did I tell you!" Hereford cried out. "Why if we sign that boy up to do an act for our theater, he'll be a sensation."

"Golly, I'm almost afraid to

CONTINUED AFTER NEXT STORY

HIGH UP IN THE SOARING MATTERHORN BURT KEMPEN MADE HIS CHOICE BETWEEN DISHONOR OR DEATH... AND THE ONLY WITNESS WAS...

A PIECE OF ROPE!

GOOD HUNTING! BUT TAKE CARE! OLD LECLAIRE HID HIS FABULOUS CHEST OF JEWELS IN THE HIGHEST, MOST PERILOUS PART OF THE MATTERHORN! MANY HAVE SOUGHT TO UNCOVER THE JEWELS' HIDING PLACE...AND HAVE PERISHED ON THE SLOPE!

WE KNOW APPROXIMATELY WHERE OLD LECLAIRE HID HIS JEWELS! WE WILL FIND THEM, EH, BURT?

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THE MATTERHORN'S A DANGEROUS CLIMB, ED! ESPECIALLY WITH JUST THE TWO OF US! WE SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT GUIDES!

AND SHARE THE JEWELS WITH THEM? NONSENSE, ED! WE'RE EXPERIENCED CLIMBERS AND WHEN WE RETURN WE SHALL BE WEALTHY!

AND SO ED MASON AND BURT KEMPEN WENT UP INTO THE MATTERHORN TOGETHER...IN SEARCH OF AN ECCENTRIC OLD MAN'S CHEST OF JEWELS...A FORTUNE THAT HAD DEFIED SEARCHERS FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS...

COME ON, BURT! HAVE NO FEAR! IF YOU SLIP THE ROPE IS TIED TO ME! I WOULD NEVER LET YOU FALL!

I KNOW THAT, ED! BUT COULD YOU STOP US *BOTH* FROM FALLING? WE MUST GO SLOWLY... THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF US!

HIGHER AND HIGHER INTO THE MATTERHORN THE TWO CLIMBED ...TIED TOGETHER BY THE DESIRE FOR RICHES... AND A PIECE OF ROPE...
THEY LAST SAW OLD MAN LECLAIRE IN THAT AREA, BURT! THE CHEST OF JEWELS MUST BE UP THERE!
THE ROPE WOULD HARDLY DO US ANY GOOD NOW IF ONE OF US SLIPPED, ED!
WE'RE NOT GOING TO SLIP, BURT! ANYWAY, WE'VE TACKLED TOUGHER MOUNTAINS IN THE PAST! COME ON, THERE'S A CREVASSE UP AHEAD!
I'LL JUMP ACROSS THE CREVASSE, FIRST, ED! BUT FIRST I'LL DRIVE THIS INTO THE BOULDER AND RUN OUR ROPE THRU IT... IN CASE I MISS THE OTHER SIDE!
WHAT A SENSELESS WASTE OF TIME...
IT'S ONLY EIGHT FEET ACROSS... I'VE JUMPED FURTHER MANY TIMES! IT'LL BE EASY AND TIMESAVING!
ED! YOU FOOL! I WARNED YOU!
BURT! HELP! I... I'M FALLING!
PULL ME UP, BURT! DON'T LET GO! DON'T LET ME FALL!
I...YOU'RE TOO HEAVY, ED! I CAN'T PULL YOU UP! I CAN'T EVEN HOLD YOU!
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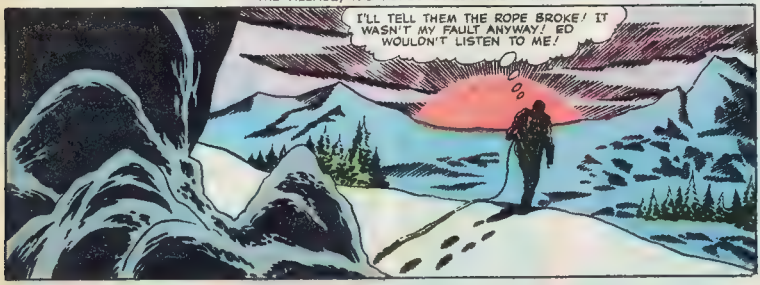
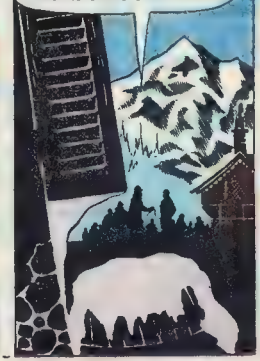
BURT DID NOT STOP TO LOOK OVER THE EDGE OF THE CREVASSE...HE JUST TURNED AND STUMBLED BACK TOWARD THE VILLAGE, THE ROPES STILL AROUND HIM...



BUT WHEN BURT REACHED THE VILLAGE AND TOLD THEM HIS VERSION OF THE TRAGEDY...



HE WATCHED THEM WALK AWAY WITH SCORN ON THEIR FACES...AND THEN WHEN HE TRIED TO UNTIE THE ROPE..

NEITHER COULD BURT CUT THE ROPE ...NOT EVEN WITH THE SAME SHARP KNIFE HE HAD USED EARLIER AT THE EDGE OF THE CREVASSE...

I CAN'T CUT THIS ROPE! HELP ME! GIVE ME A HAND HERE! CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?

AND SO BURT WENT TO HIS ROOM TO HIDE THE ROPE THAT MARKED HIM A COWARD...

THE VILLAGERS LOOK RIGHT THRU ME...THEY WON'T EVEN TALK TO ME! AND THIS ROPE... I CAN'T GET IT OFF! I...I'VE GOT TO GET SOME SLEEP AND FORGET!

BUT THRU THE LONG NIGHT, BURT COULD NOT SLEEP NOR FORGET THOSE TERRIBLE MOMENTS AT THE CREVASSE...

IT'S NO USE! I'VE GOT TO GO BACK AND FIND ED!

AT DAWN, BURT STARTED UP THE MOUNTAIN AND SOON HE WAS AT THE CREVASSE...

I'LL FEEL BETTER WHEN I FIND ED'S BODY AND BRING IT BACK TO THE VILLAGE...

BURT! I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK! THIS SOFT SNOWDRIFT BROKE MY FALL...

ED...YOU'RE ALIVE!

I CUT THE ROPE, ED, TO SAVE MYSELF! I COULDN'T STAND IT THOUGH...I HAD TO COME BACK! CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?

FORGET IT, BURT! I'LL DO MORE THAN FORGIVE YOU...

AS THE TWO PARTNERS REJOICED, THE ROPE OF SHAME SAGGED FROM BURT'S WAIST AND DROPPED, INTO THE SNOW...

I'LL CUT YOU IN, FIFTY-FIFTY ON LECLAIRE'S JEWELS! I LANDED RIGHT BESIDE THEM!

NOW I CAN FACE THE VILLAGERS AND MYSELF AGAIN...NOW THAT I'M FREE OF THAT PIECE OF ROPE!

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have you mention the theater to Zeke," said Hereford's brother Sam. "He plays a fiddle, you know, and it's painful to listen to him. He's got a yen to break into show business, I understand, but he's sure sour on the strings."

"Never mind that!" Hereford assured him. "We'll please the old codger and flatter him by having him think that we're interested in him as a violinist, not only because he can predict events none of us know about. If it makes him happy, he can bring his fiddle to the stage with him."

And that's what old Zeke liked about the proposition they put to him.

"I'm afraid I don't see my getting up and telling people what I know about things that are happening which they have no knowledge of," he said. "But if it's my fiddle you really want, well, that's a different story."

Zeke didn't seem to realize the value of his fantastic talent. He signed up to do a two-year performance at Percy's theater at a small salary which seemed to please him tremendously, however.

"You fellows are really overpaying me," he said modestly. "I can't play the fiddle that good."

"Oh, that's okay," insisted Hereford shrewdly. "You can always entertain the folks by predicting what's going to happen for them."

"Well I don't know as I'd call what I do predicting," Zeke said hesitantly.

"You call it what you want," said Hereford impatiently. "The folks in Brookside will be getting more than their money's worth when they come to see you."

Percy wasn't so sure that Hereford was using the right tactics with Zeke, but he couldn't interfere. Hereford's idea was that as long as they had Zeke under contract, they could get him to perform his "predicting" talent on the stage without much coaxing. But all this must be led up to gradually.

Percy's doubts persisted, and the night of the first performance the packed audience bolstered his spirits. However, when Zeke mosied on stage and

began swinging "Turkey in the Straw" on his fiddle, the audience didn't like it.

"Let's hear about the future!" they cried.

"Will I make a million dollars or less on the stock market this year?"

"Is it going to snow tonight?"

Zeke seemed bewildered. Before anyone could stop him he sauntered off the stage. Percy and Hereford grabbed him.

"Get back on there and do your stuff!" they cried.

"I'm afraid I need a few more fiddle lessons," Zeke admitted unhappily. "I'm not as good as you fellows thought."

"You just worry about predicting events and showing people what a talent you have for that!" Hereford pleaded.

Zeke stared at them, and suddenly both of them realized that there was something peculiar about his eyes. In the darkness of the theater wings they seemed to burn with a fiery intensity.

Zeke sighed and smiled sheepishly.

"I guess you gentlemen realize that I'm not a mind reader, but the reason I'm able to tell events before some people know 'em is because I've got telescopic eyes. I can see through walls or for miles in any direction. But I really can't predict anything."

Percy tore up Zeke's contract in disgust, and Zeke left town. Hereford looked glum. Here they thought they had a mind reader, and he was a fake! It was only several hours later that they both suddenly looked at each other and their two shallow minds held one deep thought!

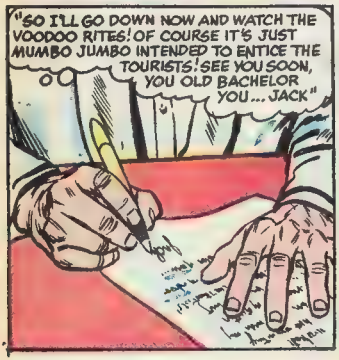
"Telescopic eyes!" they cried. "Why that guy could make us a fortune if we got him placed with the right organization!"

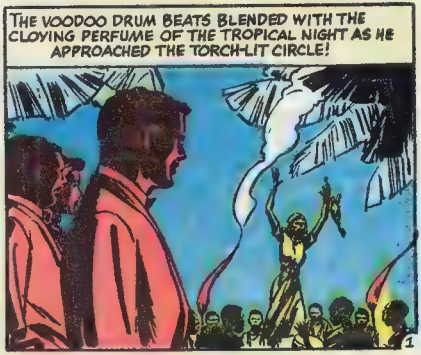
If you bump into two characters named Hereford and Percy, you can tell 'em to stop wasting their time looking for Zeke. He's gone back home to Eyeritrea, the planet of the Super-eyed people, and he's not coming back until his violin playing can help him to really amount to something!

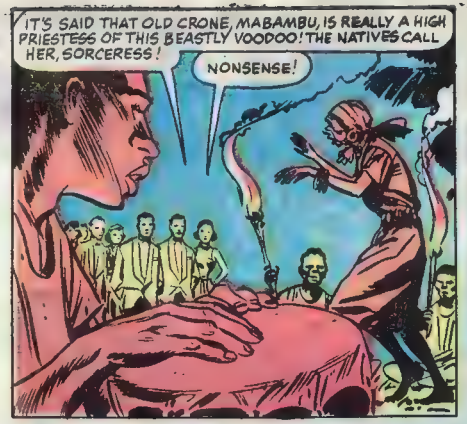
THE END J-929

HAITI IS A STRANGE BLEND OF EXOTIC TROPICS, OF THE NEW AND THE OLD, MODERN TOURISTS AND ANCIENT BLACK MAGIC! JACK TAYLOR WAS ON VACATION IN HAITI! HE WAS ENJOYING HIMSELF, KNOWING HIS BROTHER BEN WOULD TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE BUSINESS IN WHICH THEY WERE PARTNERS! BUT JACK SHOULD NOT HAVE COME TO HAITI ON HIS VACATION, BECAUSE IT ALL BEGAN THERE...THE DREAM, OR THE NIGHTMARE, OR...THE REALITY?

THE GIRL WITH THE EVIL EYES!


"SO I'LL GO DOWN NOW AND WATCH THE VOODOO RITES! OF COURSE IT'S JUST MUMBO JUMBO INTENDED TO ENTICE THE TOURISTS! SEE YOU SOON, YOU OLD BACHELOR YOU... JACK"

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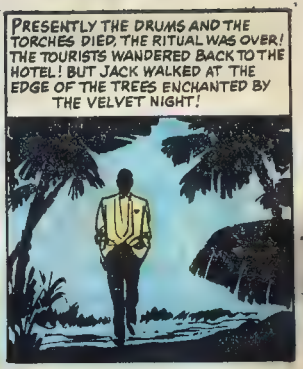
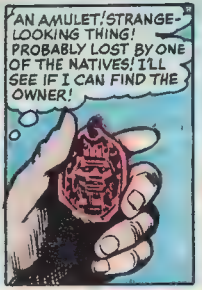
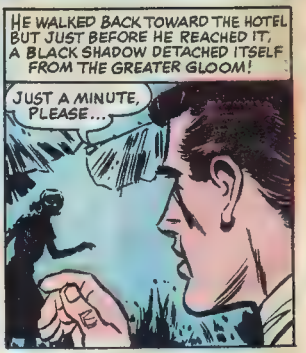

PRESENTLY THE DRUMS AND THE TORCHES DIED. THE RITUAL WAS OVER! THE TOURISTS WANDERED BACK TO THE HOTEL! BUT JACK WALKED AT THE EDGE OF THE TREES ENCHANTED BY THE VELVET NIGHT!

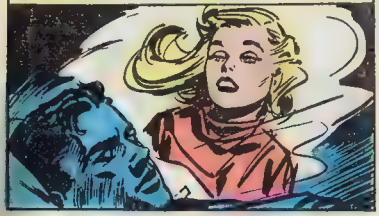

AN AMULET! STRANGE-LOOKING THING! PROBABLY LOST BY ONE OF THE NATIVES! I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND THE OWNER!


HE WALKED BACK TOWARD THE HOTEL BUT JUST BEFORE HE REACHED IT, A BLACK SHADOW DETACHED ITSELF FROM THE GREATER GLOOM!
JUST A MINUTE, PLEASE...

I FOUND THIS BACK THERE! PERHAPS ONE OF YOUR PEOPLE LOST IT!
THE MAJOR!... THE MIRROR TO THE FUTURE! SO STRANGE THAT YOU SHOULD FIND THIS ANCIENT AMULET LOST FOR CENTURIES! IT IS WRITTEN THAT HE WHO FINDS IT SHALL KEEP IT AND WITH IT THE POWER... TO SEE INTO THE FUTURE!

THEN SHE WAS GONE, GLIDING AWAY TO BECOME ONE WITH THE SHADOWS...
WAIT! I DON'T WANT THE THING! HMMM, SHE'S GONE! I GUESS I'VE BECOME HEIR TO ...WHAT WAS IT? THE AMULET THAT HAS THE POWER TO MAKE ITS OWNER SEE INTO THE FUTURE! WHAT NONSENSE! OH, WELL, IT'S A SOUVENIR!

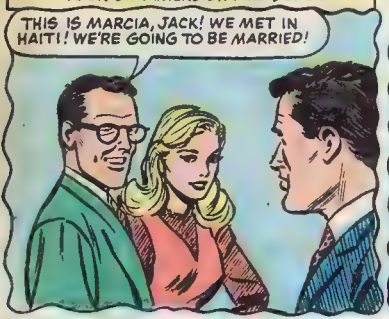
HE ADVERTISED IN THE LOCAL PAPER BUT NO ONE CAME TO CLAIM THE AMULET! IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT THE DREAM BEGAN! AT FIRST IT WAS ONLY THE FACE OF A GIRL... A GIRL HE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE...



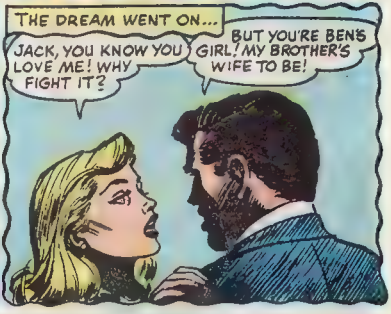
JACK'S VACATION CAME TO AN END AND HE RETURNED HOME TO WORK AGAIN AND IT WAS BROTHER BEN'S VACATION TIME!

HAVE A GOOD TIME, BEN! AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE BUSINESS, PARTNER!
I WON'T! FROM WHAT YOU TELL ME OF HAITI I SHOULD HAVE A GOOD TIME THERE! ANYWAY I'LL RELAX, JACK! SEE YOU WHEN I GET BACK!

IT WAS THEN THE DREAM EXPANDED AND TOOK ON DIMENSION AND DEPTH...



THE DREAM WENT ON...



BUT... BUT I CAN'T RESIST YOU! OH, MARCIA, I'D DO ANYTHING IN THE WORLD FOR YOU...
YOU WOULD? IF I ASKED YOU TO DO SOMETHING AND YOU WOULDN'T, THEN YOU'D LOSE ME, JACK! YOU'D LOSE YOUR MARCIA ...JACK, LISTEN...

IF BEN WERE OUT OF THE WAY, THE BUSINESS WOULD BE ALL YOURS... OURS! NOT HALF, BUT ALL! IT MEANS WEALTH, JACK... ALL THE THINGS I'VE WANTED! THERE'S A WAY, JACK...
NO, MARCIA! NO! PLEASE...

PHEW! WHAT A NIGHTMARE! WHY DOES A MAN DREAM SUCH CRAZY THINGS? THAT GIRL MARCIA, SO LOVELY! BUT HER EYES... THEY'RE EVIL! HUH, I'D BETTER FORGET THE WHOLE BUSINESS...

BUT HE COULDN'T FORGET, FOR NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, THE DREAM CAME, OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND EACH TIME MORE REAL...
NO! NO! MARCIA! BEN! NO!
AND HE'D AWAKEN BATHED IN AN ICY SWEAT, TO TURN ON THE LIGHT, TO SMOKE FURIOUSLY AND TRY TO FORGET...
THAT ROTTEN NIGHTMARE! I... HELLO, WHAT'S THIS? THE AMULET FROM HAITI! I DON'T REMEMBER PUTTING IT THERE!
WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT WAS IT THAT OLD VOODOO PRIESTESS SAID? SEE INTO THE FUTURE! THAT'S IT! I WONDER... COULD IT BE THAT THIS DREAM IS REALLY A LOOK INTO THE...! WHOA, JACK! WHEN YOU START THINKING THAT WAY IT'S TIME TO SEE A DOCTOR!
THE NEXT DAY HE DID GO TO A PSYCHIATRIST AND TOLD HIM THE WHOLE STORY...
NO, MR. TAYLOR, IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO SEE INTO THE FUTURE! FORGET IT! I'LL GIVE YOU SOME PILLS TO GIVE YOU A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP! I'D ADVISE YOU TO GET RID OF THAT AMULET! WHEN YOUR BROTHER COMES BACK FROM HIS VACATION, I'M SURE THIS DREAM OF YOURS WILL CEASE!
JACK WENT BACK TO THE OFFICE...
BEN! WHEN DID YOU GET BACK?
ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AGO! JACK I'VE A SURPRISE FOR YOU...
THIS IS MARCIA, JACK! WE MET IN HAITI! WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED!
THE AMULET, THE DREAM! THE DOCTOR... THE OLD VOODOO PRIESTESS! WHO... WHAT SHOULD I BELIEVE? WHAT WOULD YOU BELIEVE? WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
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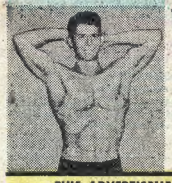

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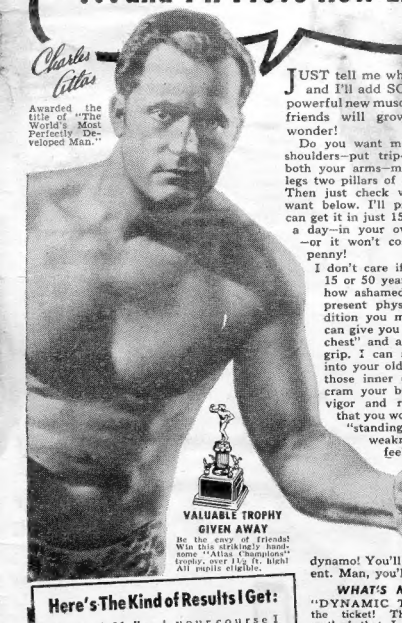

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